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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is filed as a Preliminary Amendment concurrently with the above-referenced national stage filing of PCT/GB99/03966 to eliminate multiple dependent claims. It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims as described below be entered into the case and that the amended claims be examined on the merits.

## In the Claims

In Claim 3, please delete the phrase "or Claim 2";
In Claim 4, please replace "any preceding claim" with --Claim 1--;
In Claim 5, please replace "any preceding claim" with --Claim 1--;
In Claim 6, please replace "any preceding claim" with --Claim 1--;
In Claim 7, please replace "any preceding claim" with --Claim 1--;
In Claim 8, please replace "any preceding claim" with --Claim 1--;
In Claim 13, please delete the phrase "or Claim 12";